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Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 8-10, and replace it with following paragraph:

D<sup>1</sup>  
Figure 4 is a graph showing the change in the absorbance at 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, and 650 nm of compound 1, at a concentration of 2 mg/ml in 0.9% saline, at room temperature (25 °C) in the light, as a function of time.

Please delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 11-13, and replace it with the following paragraph:

D<sup>2</sup>  
Figure 5 is a graph showing the change in the absorbance at 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, and 650 nm of compound 1, at a concentration of 2 mg/ml in 0.9% saline, at room temperature (25 °C) in the dark, as a function of time.

Please delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 14-16, and replace it with the following paragraph:

D<sup>3</sup>  
Figure 6 is a graph showing the change in the absorbance at 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, and 650 nm of compound 1, at a concentration of 2 mg/ml in 0.9% saline, at 10 °C in the dark, as a function of time.

Please delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 17-19, and replace it with the following paragraph:

D<sup>4</sup>  
Figure 7 is a graph showing the change in the absorbance at 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, and 650 nm of compound 1, at a concentration of 2 mg/ml in 0.9% saline and 10 mM glycine-NaOH buffer, at room temperature (25 °C) in the light, as a function of time.

Please delete the paragraph at page 3, lines 20-22, and replace it with the following paragraph:

D<sup>5</sup>  
Figure 8 is a graph showing the change in the absorbance at 400, 450, 500, 550, 600, and 650 nm of compound 1, at a concentration of 2 mg/ml in 0.9% saline and 10 mM glycine-NaOH buffer, at room temperature (25 °C) in the dark, as a function of time.